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Call to the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta

Official Call to Convention to Be Held in Edmonton From January 18th to 21st Inclusive—All Delegates Must Secure Official Delegate's Certificate—Pool Rate Estimate Is $12

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, and the United Farm Women of Alberta, will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st, 1927, commencing at 10 o'clock sharp on the morning of the first day.

The Convention will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton.

REPRESENTATION FROM LOCALS

The representation at this Convention will be one delegate for every 20 members or major portion thereof. Each Local, however, will be entitled to at least one delegate. In order to be entitled to two delegates a Local must have at least 31 members in good standing, 51 members for three delegates, and so on. Each delegate must be a member of the Local appointing him. Representation can only be secured on the basis of the paid-up membership at the Central Office.

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All delegates travelling to the Convention should secure a one-way single fare, first class railway ticket. In the event of having to travel over two lines of railway to reach the place of Convention, purchase a one-way first class ticket for each part of the journey. With every ticket purchased by a delegate or visitor a Standard Certificate must be secured from the ticket agent. If the agent has no Standard Certificate, secure a receipt in its place These Standard Certificates must be turned in to the registration staff at Edmonton upon arrival in order to secure the benefit of the reduced Convention rates. After the Standard Certificates have been endorsed by the Provincial Secretary they entitle the holder to a return rate of one-half of the one-way fare plus a charge of 25 cents made by the Canadian Passenger Association for validation of the Standard Certificate.

The tickets cannot be purchased under the reduced rates, and the Standard Certificates secured prior to Friday, January 14th. All Standard Certificates issued on January 14th or any other time after that date up to January 20th will be valid and accepted by the railway company when properly signed and endorsed. The tickets will be good for return journey up to the night of Tuesday, January 25th.

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POOL RATE ESTIMATE $12

Attention of the Locals is directed to the amendment to the Constitution. The amended Constitution necessitates the pool rate being estimated in advance. The following is an extract from Section 6, Sub-Section 6, of the Constitution governing the pool rates:

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EDITORIAL

ONLY ONE WAY TO REMOVE STIGMA

Elsewhere in this issue J. R. Renton, a commercial man who is widely known throughout the Dominion, and particularly in the West, characterizes the action of the head office of the North West Commercial Travellers' Association in disseminating through the mails the anti-Wheat Pool propaganda of the grain trade, as bearing "more than a semblance" to "prostituting the association." In the Wheat Pool pages and elsewhere, appear letters from other commercial men, unequivocally repudiating the action of officials of the Association who have definitely aligned themselves with the enemies of the Canadian Wheat Pools in opposition to the greatest institution hitherto established for the benefit of the primary producers in the long history of agriculture.

We are convinced that hundreds of commercial travellers, particularly in Western Canada, share the views of Mr. Renton and the others who write on this subject in our current issue. The propaganda, however, has now been broadcast to all parts of the Dominion. The only thoroughly effective means of counteracting what has been done, and removing the stigma which has been attached to the North West Commercial Travellers' Association in the minds of all citizens of Western Canada who are loyal to the West, and of all Canadians who believe in fairplay, will be to circulate through the mails to all travellers who received the original enclosure, a complete repudiation of the action of the officials, and an answer to the misleading statements of the grain trade. We believe that many members of the Association will wish to see such action taken, and trust that they will be powerful enough to insist upon an adequate repudiation being sent out from the head office of the Association at an early date.

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In the Wheat Pool pages, D. L. Smith very completely exposes the misleading character of the propaganda against the Wheat Pools which has been issued by the North West Grain Dealers' Association. We trust that all our members will turn to these pages and familiarize themselves with the facts there presented.

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AN ATTACK ON THE U. F. A.

A very high tribute to the work of the U. F. A. in "putting the Wheat Pool over", and to the high efficiency of the Wheat Pool organization, is paid by a commercial man who contributes an article to this issue under the title, "You See More of the Game From the Bleachers Than From the Diamond". We can state definitely that there are few men in the commercial world of Western Canada who have had a longer contact with the problems of the farmers than the writer of this article. Commercial men generally regard the successful launching of the Wheat Pool by the U. F. A. as the greatest achievement of this organization and, as Mr. Renton's letter shows, the attack on the Pool by the grain trade is regarded as "obviously an attack" on the Association. Every attack on any portion of the farmers' Pool movement in Alberta is an attack on the U. F. A.

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REGULATIONS MUST BE CHANGED

The experience of the United Livestock Growers upon the Calgary Livestock Exchange clearly demonstrates the unsuitability of the present exchange regulations from the standpoint of co-operative marketing institutions which are organized on the contract basis. The regulations should be changed to meet the needs of the Pool system.

We have in our possession a complete file of the correspondence concerning the controversy between the Pool and the exchange. This very clearly reveals the recognition by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, of the desirability for changes in the laws and regulations to meet the situation created by the introduction of a new system of marketing. J. H. Grisdale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, definitely indicates that the representatives of the United Livestock Growers "were not guilty of any dishonest motive" and the Department sought only a recognition of violation of the Exchange regulations "in a technicality." It is imperative that the Department, without delay, should take steps to bring into effect, in accordance with the Deputy Minister's letter quoted above, "such changes in the laws and regulations governing livestock marketing as will provide for co-operative and Pool marketing on any and all Livestock Exchanges in the Dominion."

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Our congratulations to Herman Trefle of Wembley, who distinguished himself at the Chicago International by winning first and the championships in both wheat and oats. Mr. Trefle is a member of the U. F. A. and also of the Alberta Wheat Pool. This is naturally to be expected. Alberta farmers who lead in the field of production recognize that scientific production is not enough. Co-operation with their fellow farmers in the exercise of their citizenship through the parent organization, and in the scientific marketing of their product through the U. F. A.'s giant offspring, the Wheat Pool, are recognized, by the farmers who lead in production, as equally necessary to the raising of the status of the primary industry.

Opposition to Any Form of Export Duty on Canadian Wheat Expressed in Resolutions to Come Before U.F.A. Annual Convention

Craigmyle District Association Urges Provincial Government to Take Steps to Provide Course on Principles of Co-operation in Public Schools—Important Resolutions From the Calgary Conferences to Come Before Annual Convention—Between Forty and Fifty Resolutions Received to Date

Between forty and fifty resolutions for the forthcoming Annual Convention of the U. F. A. have been received to date at the Central Office. These include resolutions from Federal and Provincial Constituency and District Associations, and from the Calgary conferences between the U. F. A. Central Executive and representatives of the Federal Constituency Associations. Additional resolutions are now being received daily at the Central Office.

SANCTION OF COMMONS FOR DISSOLUTION

That the Prime Minister shall be under obligation to obtain the sanction of a majority of the House of Commons before advising the Governor-General to dissolve Parliament is proposed in one of the most important resolutions of the Calgary Conference of June last. The resolution was in the following terms:

Whereas, the power of a Prime Minister to advise a dissolution or threaten it at will, places him in a position of almost autocratic authority, and imposes serious restrictions upon the freedom of the members of the House of Commons, and,

Whereas, the power to advise a dissolution, when lightly exercised, threatens the stability of Parliamentary institutions and may plunge the country into unnecessary elections, and,

Whereas, the Governor-General may be placed in an invidious position as a result of improper advice as to dissolution tendered him by the Prime Minister of the day; and,

Whereas, it is undesirable that the representative of the Crown should at any time be in danger of appearing to become involved in a party controversy, as the result of such improper advice;

Therefore be it resolved, that subject to the statutory limitation of five years upon the life of Parliament, the Prime Minister shall be under obligation to obtain the sanction of a majority of the House of Commons before advising His Excellency the Governor-General to dissolve Parliament.

U. F. A. GROUP UNITY AT OTTAWA

The Calgary Conference resolution directing that the U. F. A. members at Ottawa maintain their identity as a group unit, in accordance with the Declaration of Principles, will come before the Convention. This resolution was unanimously re-affirmed at the Calgary Conference in November. Another Conference resolution to come before the Convention defines the responsibility of the U. F. A. group to the organization as a whole.

COURSE IN CO-OPERATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Co-operation in its various forms, and particularly the development of co-operative marketing, will occupy a prominent place in the discussions of the Convention. Craigmyle District Association has submitted a resolution calling for a course of studies in the principles of co-operation to be given in the public schools. The Craigmyle resolution is as follows:

Whereas, co-operation is becoming more and more an important factor in our industrial system, and,

Whereas, there have been many failures in our co-operative effort due to lack of understanding of co-operative principles;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask the Provincial Government to appoint a committee representative of the various groups involved to draw up a course of studies on the principles of co-operation for use in our public schools.

OPPOSED TO EXPORT DUTY ON WHEAT

The Convention will have an opportunity to express its opinion on the demands of the Canadian millers for some form of export duty on Canadian wheat. The subject is raised in a resolution from the Didsbury U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association, as follows:

Whereas, it is evident that efforts are being made to place an export duty on wheat, and,

Whereas, we believe it will work a hardship on our wheat producers;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask our Provincial Government to resist this movement at any time, in any way.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS BY LOCALS

Carbonation U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association proposes an amendment to Clause 2 of Section 10 of the Constitution, to provide that two-thirds of the members of a Local present at a regular meeting shall be necessary to acceptance of any application for membership, instead of a majority as at present.

Among other resolutions for the U. F. A. Convention received to date are the following:

REGULATING AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC

Whereas, with the increase in the number of motor cars operated in the Province of Alberta, there is also a tremendous increase in the number of accidents occurring daily, very largely due to reckless driving and strong drink, and,

Whereas, this condition must tend to become worse in the future;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask the Provincial Government to enact legislation which will make travel on our roads, especially on our main highways, safer than at present. To this end we would suggest that more strict regulations be enacted in regard to dimming lights at night, when meeting or passing;

More strict regulations in regard to the right of the road;

That the speed limit be reduced to a factor of safety, consistent with the density of the traffic;

That any person found guilty of driving a car when under the influence of liquor be punished by imprisonment.—Craigmyle D. A.

NOXIOUS WEED ACT

Whereas, in a great many cases noxious weed seeds are spread over the country, especially into newly settled districts, through farmers advertising and selling grain and grass seed which are polluted with noxious weed seeds, and,

Whereas, the Noxious Weeds Act as at present constituted does not provide for the prevention of this;

Be it resolved, that the Noxious Weeds Act be so amended as to make it compulsory for all people who advertise grain or grass seed for sale to have the same inspected by a Government inspector who shall have the power to disallow it to be sold for seed purposes if it is found to contain noxious weed seeds.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

AMENDMENT MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL ACT

Whereas, many municipal districts are divided between two hospital districts, making it impossible to secure adequate discussion of the affairs of both hospitals at the annual municipal gathering;

Therefore be it resolved, that we strongly urge our Legislature to amend the Municipal Hospital Act so as to provide for an annual meeting at the seat of the hospital with a view to securing full discussion of hospital affairs.—Alexandra Provincial C. A.

TAXATION OF MOTOR TRUCKS

Whereas, at the present time motor trucks are entering into active opposition with railways, in the hauling of freight in a commercial way, and,

Whereas, they make no contribution to the upkeep of the roadbed upon which they travel, and,

Whereas, during wet periods they destroy the roadbed in such a way as to entail great labor and cost in its upkeep;

Therefore be it resolved, that motor trucks using roads paralleling railways in a commercial way pay an increased or special tax.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

PREAMBLE TO THE U. F. A. CONSTITUTION

The agricultural producers and their

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GET YOUR GAS MASKS READY, BOYS!

By JOHN A. LUND, Barons

To any one, who has observed the functions of our economic system and has some knowledge of its foundations, the organization of the United Farmers of Alberta must appear as a formidable challenger of things as they are at the present time.

There have been hundreds of organizations to correct, to improve, condemn and destroy part, or all of the old system, each in their own most exclusive way, but very few, if any of them had anything of a practical nature to replace that which was removed. Most of the ideas were to get rid of the old and then build something new and better in its place.

ALBERTA FARMERS BROKE NEW GROUND

The United Farmers of Alberta, feeling the effects of the anomalies of the old system and suffering from its crushing injustice as keenly, if not more so, than the average people, did not organize to correct or destroy it. They quietly went about their business, broke new ground and laid a new foundation for a new system, using the tools and materials of the old wherever available and usable; they are keeping on unostentatiously, to erect a new building alongside of the old. They simply let the old alone, to crumble and decay until it no longer can hold up its own weight, and falls in ruins.

Furthermore, they are building so strongly and with such solidarity, that all the storms and cyclones which send the bricks of the old flying in all directions, only settle the U. F. A. structure more solidly and securely.

NEW OFFENSIVE PLANNED AGAINST WHEAT POOL

But the old system, an enemy to all progress in favor of human justice, is not much longer going to stand idly by, and see this new structure rise above their old tottering strongholds. The Wheat Pool (built under the very fortresses of the old system) which was confidently expected to fall in ruins at the first blank shot from the old forts, not only has withstood any and all barrages, but has actually commenced to disarm the old batteries, some of which are already out of action. This is causing grave concern, and not trusting fully that the big guns, which up to this time always have settled every controversy in favor of the old, this time a new offensive is contemplated, in which poison gas is to be the deciding factor.

SEEK TO USE INTERNAL DISRUPTION

It is the corrosive gas of internal disruption and individual jealousy and discontent which is to be administered, in the most scientific manner of which the old system has any knowledge, into the ranks of the U. F. A. organization; introduced there by will-o'-the-wisp gossips, and fly-by-night advisers, posing as friends of the people, claiming to be expert architects of co-operation, while not being able to show a single permanent structure to their credit. Judging by the number of dead and dying co-operative organizations, strewn all over the United States, this poisonous, whispering-in-the-night campaign, is the most insidious, most dangerously deadly attack that can be launched against the U. F. A. organization especially the Wheat Pool, which evidently is to be the first subject of the attack. If we can withstand it successfully, we are as safe as the Rock of Gibraltar is supposed to be. We have nothing to fear from open attacks—no matter how vicious—but this invisible poison, let loose in the dark, by no one knows who, is what will try to the utmost, the character and strength of the Canadian farmers' organizations.

OUR INQUISITIVE HABIT IN THE U. F. A.

The only known safeguard against it, is the inquisitive habit we have acquired in the U. F. A. organization, of picking to pieces any dope handed us, to find out what is on the inside, and what it is made of, before we swallow it. If we stick close to this habit, we are comparatively safe. No poison can affect us, if we do not swallow it or inhale it.

The first doses, which in fact already have been administered, are appeals to individual cupidity and sectional jealousy, regarding the higher paid positions, in the conducting of the business of the Pool.

These positions referred to as "plums" by the agents of disruption and jealousy, are held up as bait in different sections of the country, with appeals to sectional and personal ambition and cupidity, for the purpose of blotting out of the minds of the people the real mission of the Pool, and instead cause different people and different sections to scramble for these "plums", which to them seem will be the all absorbing objects to obtain. It is easy to visualize the outcome. Geographical sections will line up against each other; individuals in each section will distrust and accuse each other of everything they can think of, and the first we know, disruption is on the rampage, and the "plums", recently so alluring, have vanished in thin air or in the pockets of the poison squad or its employers.

It is incomprehensible to me that rational people should fall for such simple and transparent tactics, especially when we have seen this game worked hundreds of times, always with the same results.

It is up to the Canadian farmers to show that they, at least, have cut their eyeteeth, and that this hoary, grey whiskered century-old shell game does not work on them.

BARRAGE OF ADVICE FROM GRAIN TRADE

While this is tried out on the inside, the barrage of advice appeals and more or less distorted statements will be hurled at the organization, through the press, by pamphlets, booklets and individual touches at elevator points and through any more or less open available avenue.

Direct appeals to the country at large will be made by the grain trade and its manipulators, who have no other source of revenue, but what they can rake off the farmers' grain. It may not be expressed in these exact words, though.

One of these appeals has already been made by the Chicago and Minneapolis grain companies, "who own most of the four thousand privately operated country elevators of the five thousand, utilized on the prairies", and who admit that if the "out of bounds" ginger group succeeded in putting on the statute books "the confiscatory act, relating to the country elevator system of Western Canada" (the Campbell amendment), they would practically be eliminated as going concerns in receiving grain from farmers, and indirectly their hundred million investment would be destroyed.

TEARFUL APPEAL BY ELEVATOR OWNERS

This tearful appeal was made in an article by G. C. Porter, dated Winnipeg, July 8, 1926, and published in the Chicago Journal of Commerce, headed: "Population of Canada repeats history of the American West." Never, never, no, eternally never, have we any truck and trade with the Yankees. Still, if we really know the actual principals of the Chicago and Minneapolis grain companies, we might have trouble to find a genuine Yank among them.

This appeal discloses the fact, that **if the Campbell amendment becomes law, the Canadian farmers will retain the profit of a hundred million dollar investment, which they now lose to U. S. grain manipulators. And this profit has not necessarily been confined to the legal rate of interest either.**

When we consider the universally disastrous attempts of the U. S. grain farmers to effect a practical selling organization, we have reason to ask if the Chicago and Minneapolis grain companies did not have a hand in organizing them; (a lot of them can speak most eloquently with their hands), and we have also very good reason not to accept the advice of the emissaries of those who admit that they are defeated if we succeed.

Let us use our U. F. A. prerogative and catch and search all tearful, smiling or sneeline saviors of the farmers (they seem to have whole nests of them in U. S.), who come here to tell us how to run our own business, and who should do the running, and we will soon find the cloven hoof.

STAND BY OUR MEN WHO ARE BLAZING TRAIL

Stand by the U. F. A. organization—the only one of its kind in the world. Stand by the Pool—which never was intended for a private pleasureplace. Stand by our boys in Ottawa and Edmonton—who are guarding our homes, and stand by the officers and executive of all U. F. A. associations, who are putting our decisions into practical operation. Do not make their work hard. Let us remember, that they are blazing a way out of the wilderness for all of us, and need the support of all the strength and power a united people can command, to overcome obstacles which have baffled all humanity up to the present time.

If we let the poison of discontent and jealousy enter our ranks we will destroy all we have built, and we will once again be helpless victims of a system that never has shown, and never will or can show a trace of human consideration. Let us be on our guard against disruption through personal ambition, spite or greed.

YOU SEE MORE OF THE GAME FROM THE BLEACHERS THAN FROM THE DIAMOND

Achievement of the U. F. A. in Putting Over the Wheat Pool, and What the Success of the Pool Means to the Business of Western Canada

Contributed by a Business Man

The above title is very suggestive, and the following may be taken as a fair criticism of the Wheat Pool from the angle of the general public.

Many of us were like THOMAS—somewhat doubting as to the efficiency of such an organization—as to whether it was possible to so organize the farmers that they would see its value from their standpoint. The writer has followed with no little interest the growth of the Wheat Pool, and it redounds greatly to the credit of the officers that they have been able to convince its clientele that the possibility has become a reality—that it is not only for the good of the farmer, but it is also pro bono publico.

Why; it is only a purely selfish businessman who could say or think otherwise. My years in Western Canada—19 in all—have given me excellent opportunity to view—and that with no little satisfaction—the gradual independence of the farmer. Away back in 1908 my lot brought me in close touch with him, and many a meal and many a bed have I had on the homestead, and those were the lean years. For a long time I could not but have the greatest sympathy for the hard lines in which his lot was cast. The miles of haulage—the poor prices; necessaries were not abnormally high in those years, but at that his wheat money was soon eaten up—the consequence being his very life was full of discouragement. Happily, those days have gone forever.

PROVED VERITABLE GODSEND TO FARMERS

One thing does puzzle me. It is why 100 per cent. of the farmers do not loyally belong to the Wheat Pool—indeed, any other Pool, that is of interest to any commodity they produce. The first year was, without a doubt, a trying one. Many people were sceptical, and rather held off. There is no doubt about it now. H. W. Wood and the U. F. A. have proved to the world that not only is such a project possible, but that the organization has proved a veritable Godsend to the farming community.

Years ago, when in Scotland, I remember a school reader—if I recall—it was used in the Merit Certificate class. The first lesson was entitled, "The Farmer Pays for All." Many times have I wished that I had sufficient influence with the department to have such a reader placed in our schools. It taught me in the after time the lesson of indulgence (not self-indulgence). Many farmers in Saskatchewan benefited by the salutary lesson I was taught when teaching.

However, since returning from service, my lines have been otherwise cast, but still they brought me in contact with the farmer—as a business man. Whether it is the quiet solitude or not, I must give him credit for shrewdness. He is getting to be more of the salesman—as he produces what the world requires. If he sells his product when the market is full, he naturally must expect to get a lower price. Here, then, is where your Pool seems to protect you. You are able to get always a fair price. Why should it be otherwise? The general rule in business is to keep the market steady. DOES THE POOL NOT DO THIS?

TEDIOUS PIECE OF MISSIONARY WORK

It apparently was a tedious and a very insistent piece of missionary work to convince the farmer that he would obtain a better price by co-operative marketing, than by individual effort. The difficulties were great, due to the main to the cosmopolitan class engaged in farming. This is gradually disappearing and only those who are blind to their own interests can stay out much longer. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to hear a farmer proudly talk of the Pool. It would seem as if the general public is now convinced that the Wheat Pool is for its benefit. Does it not give the farmer the better price, enabling him to buy where he likes? And he does not complain about the price.

Just the other day I had occasion to take stock of a young farmer from ———. He was doing some shopping, and I was surprised that it was quality he desired, not price. I asked him if he belonged to the "Pool" — he laconically answered, "Too betcha." Too many have still the idea that the Pool has to do with co-operative buying. IT HAS NOT. I do not doubt for a minute the importance of so buying, when the opportunity presents itself. It is the

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PROTESTS AGAINST ATTEMPT TO USE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS FOR PURPOSES OF ANTI-WHEAT POOL PROPAGANDA

J. R. Renton, Well Known Commercial Man, Declares Use of Mail of Travellers' Association for Furtherance of Grain Trade Propaganda "Is More Than a Semblance of Prostituting the Association"

Enclosed with the regular mail received by members of the North West Commercial Travellers' Association from their head office, anti-Wheat Pool propaganda has recently been disseminated in pamphlet form. The grain trade attack, which is published under the name of the North West Grain Dealers' Association, has thus been foisted upon the travellers in the hope, apparently, that they can be used by the enemies of the Pool in an attempt to injure the cause of co-operative marketing.

J. R. Renton, the writer of the letter which we publish below, protests against what is described as "more than a semblance of prostituting" the North West Commercial Travellers' Association. Mr. Renton is a commercial man widely known in both Eastern and Western Canada. The propagandist pamphlet of the North West Grain Dealers' Association, a copy of which he enclosed, is reprinted on page 11 of this issue, together with the comment of another commercial man, who is an active member of the travellers' organization. Mr. Renton's letter follows:

MR. RENTON'S PROTEST

Dec. 1st, 1929.

Editor, "The U. F. A.":
Re the North West Commercial Travellers' Association and the North West Grain Dealers' Association.

Sir: The enclosed pamphlet came to me as to other commercial men in our regular mail yesterday.

The cutting speaks for itself, but the purport of my using your columns is to protest against this attempt to exploit our Association in disseminating propaganda obviously against your Association.

We commercial men, in pursuing our peaceful avocations, eschew politics, though we are privileged to exercise our franchise as we see fit. While the opinion expressed here is not distinctly official, it reflects the opinions of many commercial men operating out of this city. We deplore the action of the general secretary in allowing this message of the North West Grain Dealers to be issued to the members of the North West Commercial Travellers' Association (Head Office, Winnipeg) as in so doing there is more than a semblance of prostituting the association, which has hitherto kept itself immune from interference in such matters.

May I explain that I am now merely an honorary member of the Association, but being non-active does not debar me from entering this protest, and expressing an apology to your members, who have every right to feel aggrieved. No doubt, the president of the Alberta Branch will take the matter up officially at a later date.

I am, yours truly,
J. R. RENTON.

1326 12th Ave. West, Calgary, Alta.

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information From Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

How Can Program of Your Local Be Made of Greatest Value?

A Few Ideas Which May Assist in Making Local Programs Interesting and Useful

The U. F. A. financial year ends November 30th, and each Local should if possible have a committee to draft its program to commence with November. The success of any such undertaking depends very largely upon the initiative and leadership of the members. Yet the groups that are willing to act often experience difficulty in finding new ideas for development. It is in the hope of assisting these that the following suggestions are submitted.

The Local is recommended to place this memorandum in the hands of its livest workers, at the same time resolving to give them their whole-hearted support in carrying out the program that they prepare.

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting—first meeting in December.

(a) Retiring president's address.

(b) Report of Local's work during year by secretary.

(c) Financial statement by Auditor.

(d) Election of officers—duties of officers and aims of association to be read aloud.

(e) Address on Organization by suitable speaker.

(f) Plans for membership drive and membership banquet.

(Suggestions can be had on application to Central.)

DEBATES

A good list of subjects for debate is available on application to the Department of Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton. Material to assist in the preparation of your argument is also available. No charge is made to residents of Alberta for the service provided in this way except for postage.

MOCK TRIALS AND MOCK PARLIAMENTS

These provide a source of instruction and entertainment and a means for the development of individual talent. Directions for the conduct of Mock Trials and Mock Parliaments may be had from Central Office.

LIBRARIES FOR RURAL DISTRICTS

Every enterprising rural district looks forward to the reading of a number of good up-to-date books during the long winter evenings. For these districts Travelling Libraries are available at the Department of Extension. Each Library contains from 30 to 40 volumes, two-thirds of which are fiction, the remaining one-third of general literature, including essays, poetry, history, travel, biography, art and science. They are sent free of charge for a period of four months, the only expense being transportation charges.

OPEN SHELF

In addition to the fixed library groups an Open Shelf is conducted, from which books may be borrowed by individuals upon payment of postage both ways. A catalogue of the books in the Open Shelf—about four thousand in number—has been published and may be obtained for the sum of 25c. A registration card will be supplied to applicants asking for books for the first time. The period of loan is four weeks, but, on request this time may be extended.

For U. F. A. Locals, etc., wishing to study certain subjects such as Economics, a limited number of special libraries, made up of books from the Open Shelf Library, may be arranged for.

The Department of Extension arranges a limited number of lectures at local centres during the year. Communities wishing to avail themselves of this service should apply for further particulars.

MUSIC

Don't forget music. There are few people who do not enjoy a good sing-song. Song sheets, "The Farmers' Movement Naught Can Stay" and "Equal Rights for All", containing words and music may be had from Central for 10c per sheet. Music also for "O, Organize" can be had from Central, 25c per copy. Words of songs and hymns for 50c per 100. Central also stocks Community Song Book with words and music for 162 songs and choruses, 45c each.

PLAYS

Why not try one in your Local this winter?

ENTERTAINMENTS FOR SPECIAL EVENINGS

You cannot afford to miss the celebration of special days, such as Hallowe'en, Christmas, New Year's, Easter, etc.

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

Every Local should make a study of the problems of its community such as health, recreation, improvement of the community meeting-place, municipal legislation, school improvement, etc. Addresses may be secured from the local specialists in each line.

THE DUTIES OF CITIZENS

Address by the teacher, minister or other local leader.

Note: Information for preparation of practically any paper or address may be had from the Department of Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

There is a Clipping Bureau under the care of Miss Murphy at the Women's Home Bureau Service, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, where Locals may secure information for the asking on almost any subject for papers or debates.

PEACE RIVER CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Peace River U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association will be held in the Labor Hall, Edmonton, on Saturday, January 15th, commencing at 3 p.m.

Co-operative Credit Societies Convene in Edmonton, Jan. 17th

Meeting Will Be One Day in Advance of U. F. A. Convention

The annual convention of the Association of Co-operative Credit Societies of Alberta will be held in Edmonton on Monday, January 17th. This is the day immediately preceding the opening of the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta. An invitation is extended to all delegates to the U. F. A. Convention who are interested in the subject of rural credits, to go to Edmonton a day in advance, and to attend the meeting of the Co-operative Credits

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CONTRIBUTES DUES OF EIGHT MEMBERS BECAUSE LOCAL CANNOT NOW BE RE-ORGANIZED

Bert Huffman Forwards Personal Cheque for $24 and Offers Same Amount Each Year Until Local Can Be Established Again

The following letter, enclosing Mr. Huffman's personal cheque for $24 and a similarly generous offer for the future, was received at the office of the Central Secretary a few days ago:

U. F. A. Central Office, Calgary.

Gentlemen: As it seems impossible to reorganize or to maintain an organization of our little Local at Inverlake, or Turney school, No. 1133, and as I am anxious for our neighborhood to do its share in U. F. A. work, I am enclosing my personal cheque for $24, approximating the annual dues of eight members. You may credit this sum to the Educational or Organization Fund of Central Office wherever it will do most good. Until we can effect a permanent organization here, I will be glad to contribute this amount each year to Central Office, to offset the failure of the Local to contribute. We had only six or eight paying members, so this amount will be equal to the contribution of the entire Local to the Cause. With best wishes and sincere co-operation in the work of the organization, I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed) BERT HUFFMAN.

Glen Doris Ranch, Longview, Alta.

NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA WHEAT POOL HEAD OFFICE

A Page of Information for Members and Locals Edited by the Publicity Department of the Alberta Wheat Pool

Would Like to Destroy Wheat Pool

Why Some Elevator Companies Are Trying to Undermine the Pool and the Method They Use

To Members of the Alberta Wheat Pool:

Propaganda has probably reached you from the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association.

The Northwest Grain Dealers' Association is an association formed some years ago in Winnipeg by the line elevator companies. Its main function is in fixing every-day street prices.

Prior to the formation of this association elevator companies fixed their own street prices. The result was that there was competition among the elevator companies to buy your wheat, which was a good thing for the farmer, because sometimes one elevator company would pay more than another.

The Northwest Grain Dealers' Association was formed to see that all prices were the same.

The Northwest Grain Dealers' Association was formed to insure a profit to the elevator companies, and it is a very effective association. Woe betide the elevator company who exceeds the street price!

All this is subservient to the real issue.

Why are the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association spending all this money for propaganda?

Because the elevator companies make more money on non-Pool wheat than they do on Pool wheat.

And some elevator companies would like to destroy the Pool.

Every circular they send out will be effectively answered by the Pool, because we know that outside of the odd case the Wheat Pool farmer got more money through the Pool than the non-Pool man got. We will give you the facts to show this is true.

The Alberta Wheat Pool wants to play fair with the elevator companies, but some of the elevator companies are not playing fair with the Pool.

We want you to co-operate with us in picking out the unfair firms. We want you to write us and let us know what companies are handing out anti-Pool propaganda; what elevator agents are talking against the Pool. Give us their names and the name of the company in every case. Be sure you give us the real facts. Be sure you are right. We have heard that in some cases the elevator companies are even going so far as to enclose this propaganda with Pool settlements. Let us know if you have received any of these.

Some elevator companies are being eminently fair with the Pool, and the Pool is anxious to be fair with these companies. With the others we will act as our best business judgment says we should act.

We know we will have the earnest co-operation of every member of this Pool. This is a very important task we are assigning to you.

Address your letters to

"The Manager, Alberta Wheat Pool, Calgary", and they will have prompt acknowledgment.

THE WHEAT POOL AND WHEAT PRICES

An Address Given by D. L. Smith, Sales Manager of Central Selling Agency of the Canadian Wheat Pools, at Regina, Recently

Opponents of the Wheat Pool are circulating misleading information in an endeavor to harm the organization and to create distrust and dissatisfaction among the Pool signers. Mr. Smith, in his address, printed below, gives a fair resume of the Pool's operations and effectually answers much of the anti-Pool propaganda.

As sales manager of the Central Selling Agency to which you have entrusted your grain, you will expect me to say something about the final payment, particularly at this time when a great deal of criticism is being levelled at us by our well-known opponents. I hope to be able to satisfy your minds that the Pool price has been a very satisfactory one before I am through.

I would like to remind the delegates, when talking to the Pool farmers in their districts that it is not natural for the grain men to be so vitally interested in the farmer as they appear to be today. Why all this anxiety? To me it does not appear that the real outcry is sincere, but rather that we are robbing the grain trade of the wonderful juicy earnings which it has been accustomed to for many years.

If there had not been a Pool, the grain trade would have handled all of that wheat, no matter what the price was, and the earnings would have been absolutely assured at all times. We also must remember that the grain men are not required to be interested in one way or another as to the price of wheat. A very important fact to remember.

GRAIN TRADE THRIVES ON LOW PRICES

Under the old system, the farmer hauled to the grain man, then the grain man would in turn, sell to the exporters or consumers—so that the consumer in those pre-Pool days fixed the levels of wheat. The lower price of wheat, as far as the grain man was concerned, the better. He could carry more wheat and arrange his finances more easily.

I would like those who have doubt as to the success of the Canadian Pool to look back to 1922-24. What was the average price at country elevators in Saskatchewan in that year? Probably 70c, perhaps near 75c. Then ask yourselves if conditions in the world have changed so much that the price has risen so radically. We know that the world condition has not changed to any appreciable extent. What has changed is the system of marketing.

Look back prior to the war. I do not remember any year prior to the war when prices were what our final prices have been in the current year. I am absolutely satisfied in my own mind, if, through some unforeseen calamity, the Pool were to break down, that within six months or twelve months at the longest, the farmers would be marketing their wheat at the same levels as they did for the past 20 years, prior to the war, and nothing in the world would stop the price levels of wheat moving downward.

If you have a crop of 350,000,000 bushels and practically all the farmers are in need of money, which means forced selling, how is it possible to expect the market to hold up when more wheat is being dumped into that market than it can absorb?

Prices must be put to a level where buyers are willing to take over the load. Pooling is the only safe and sane method that will prevent the glutting of the market when the demand is not equal to the supply.

WHAT IS MEANT BY "AVERAGE PRICE"

Further comment is not necessary in connection with the statement as to the average open market price of $1.51 per bushel, as recorded by the grain trade. The basis they work on is an elementary one, and of very little value for comparison. To prove anything it would be necessary to show the actual average of the non-Pool wheat sold by the farmers. They merely total up the daily closing price for One Northern and divided that total by the number of trading days. No regard is given to deliveries, and the record would indicate the same quantity of wheat being delivered each day from one year's end to another, and sold. The wheat sold in June and October is treated on the same basis, with no allowance for carrying charges or interest.

About 350,000,000 bushels were delivered to the country elevators by January 30th, 1926. Now, that is 230,000,000 bushels out of a total of 360,000,000 bushels available the balance being used for seed and feed. We know that the wheat in the farmers' hands was Pool wheat. Practically all of the non-Pool wheat has been handled within six months after the crop started to move. Therefore, the average price should be the average from September 1st to January 30th.

From September 1st to December 15th, the shipments of wheat from Port Arthur and Fort William and Vancouver (including flour grindings) totalled 211,-000,000 bushels. Of these shipments the Pool made the following:

From Port Arthur and Fort William	83,000,000 bush.
From Vancouver	7,500,000 bush.
Sales— Fort William	21,000,000 bush.
Total	111,500,000 bush.

The balance shipped out and sold by the trade was, therefore, 99,500,000 bushels. We know that any wheat shipped out must have been previously sold by the farmers. The average price from September 1st to December 15th works out at $1.37⅝, which, we will say, they secured for the non-Pool wheat of 99,-500,000 bushels, giving them a tremendous advantage by saying that they got the average price because we know that a tremendous amount was sold during October and November.

HIGH AVERAGE IS BASED ON PAPER WHEAT PRICES

As the total quantity of non-Pool wheat for the year was 172,000,000 bushels, this leaves a balance of 73,000,000 bushels which they had to sell at $1.68⅝ to get the average price of $1.51 for the year, and I will leave it to you to decide if it was possible to sell 73,000,000 bushels between December 15th and August 31st at the average price of $1.68⅝ as against the actual average price of $1.54¼—or 14¾ cents less than they required to secure the average of $1.51. Remember that this $1.68⅝, that they had to get, leaves no allowance for storage or interest, which would be very heavy from January to August. I do not think we should be disturbed or bluffed in any way by those comparisons. All that we should be concerned about is: Have we been successful in getting a satisfactory price for our Pool wheat?

The bulk of the crop was delivered by January 30th, 1926—238,000,000 bushels out of 360,000,000 bushels. Now we know from experience that the grain men were never accustomed to being philanthropic so far as the farmers are concerned; so that they did charge storage and commission as in previous years. 250,000,000 bushels were delivered by the middle of December. That storage and other charges started December 31st, gives the grain trade considerable advantage.

Assuming the same quantity of wheat must have been sold every day at the closing price, 10,000,000 bushels per month, and a total of 120,000,000 bushels for the year, on this basis the first month's charges on 10,000,000 bushels would be $175,000 and so on to the end of August, by which time there would be eight months' charges, approximately $1,400,000, or a total of $7,000,000—7 cents per bushel on the entire year's handling—provided they sold the exact amount each day, the price would be $1.44. Now, we know they did not secure an average of $1.44. Hardly a bushel of non-Pool wheat was in their hands at the end of May, yet they took advantage of the price levels of June, July and August—when they didn't own any wheat.

POOL RAISES PRICE LEVEL FOR NON-POOL FARMERS

The price we secured was the average level that the Canadian Wheat Pool determined for Canadian wheat. Personally I feel, if a thorough investigation could be made, you would find their average price is not over $1.40. Various farmers may have been successful in selling their wheat at the peak of prices, but I am sure, for every one who got $1.45 there were ten, at least ten, who got much less. This is borne out by the fact that over 100,000,000 bushels of non-Pool wheat were delivered to the country elevators before November 30th, and by that date the average price was $1.35.

I, personally, pay very little attention to the grain trade criticism of the final payment, because I am satisfied we secured the average figure for the year. The Grain Exchange has really no price, but merely a quotation as set by the Canadian Wheat Pool. It has often been said that supply and demand fix the price. Now, as we control better than 65 per cent. of the Canadian supply, we must have control of the price of Canadian wheat in so far as supply exercises control. The chief accomplishment, however, has been the raising of the level of

Canadian wheat—that is, the raising of the parity of Canadian wheat as compared with other world wheats. It has always been more or less on a level, and at periods below the level of the parity of other world wheats.

BRITISH DISTRIBUTOR ON WHEAT POOL

Let me also read a cable from the other side of the water, from one of the chief grain distributors in Britain:

"October 6th, 1926: Authentic records prove good premiums obtained Manitobas against other competitive wheats since Pool inception, despite recent bumper Canadian crops which, under individual marketing, would have caused an avalanche with resultant low prices. This demonstrates undoubted success Pool marketing system. Though development of Pool has severely curtailed profitable operations my own firm and other firms, nevertheless, any experienced and reputable grain man must readily concede that, owing concentrated European buying as result trustification and amalgamation milling industry United Kingdom, also large extent France and foreshadowed important consolidations Germany, and bearing in mind paternal government buying Norway, Switzerland, Greece, also review co-operative marketing policy pursued Australia and Soviet Russia, the absolute necessity for Canadian producers to Pool resources hardly needs demonstration. Don't overlook Pool only organization capable scientifically taking care forced fall movement Canadian crop view short season before freeze-up, and the only intelligent way avoid ruinous competition with unorganized European domestic crops moving same time. Draw attention Argentine grain export controlled by only three firms now, working close co-operation."

GRAIN TRADE NOW OUT OF PICTURE

As a matter of fact the Canadian Pool is better posted on the wheat situation than any other grain exporting organization, and is able to determine, without much difficulty, on what level our Canadian wheat should be sold. The Canadian grain trade, being merely a handling body, have to govern their market quotations by such information. My advice is, let us forget the grain trade, as it is really out of the picture so far as making the price of Canadian wheat is concerned.

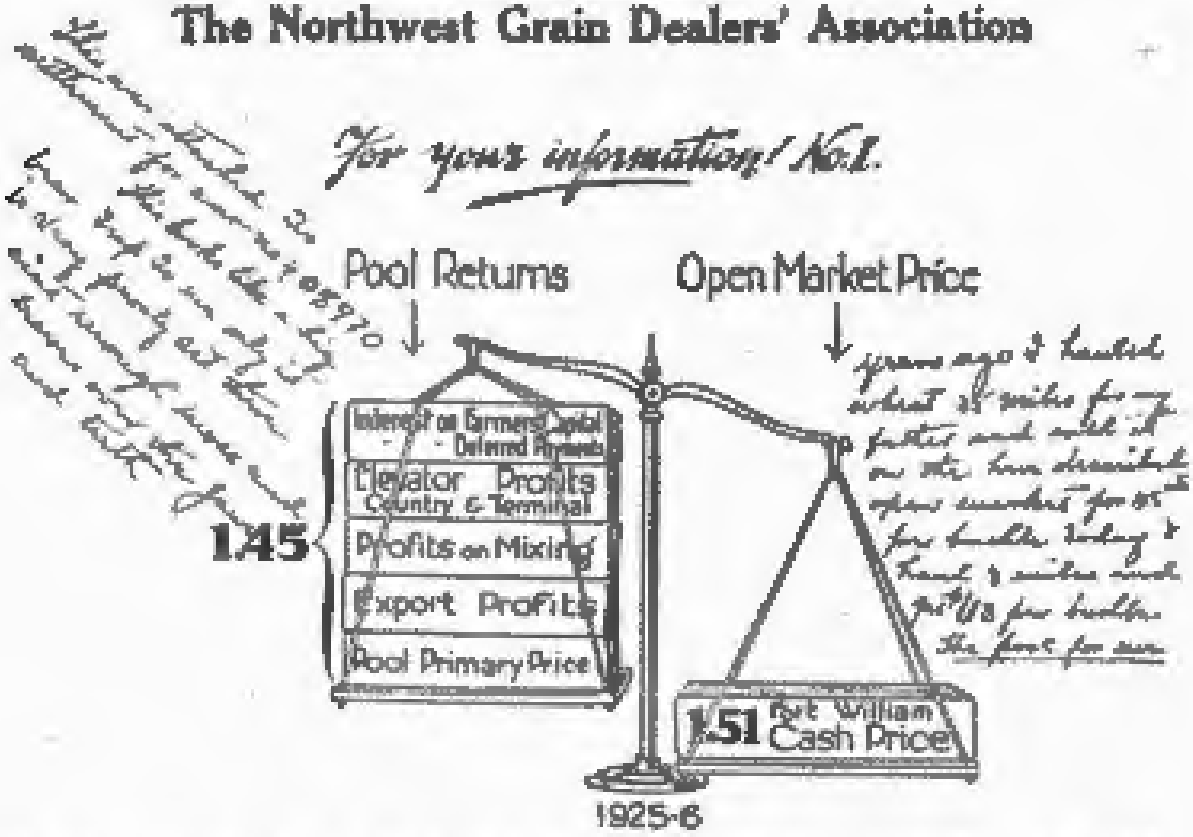
China, Japan, Brazil, Mexico, and all European ports received a total handling of 175,000,000 bushels. The Canadian Pool exported 120,000,000 bushels, leaving a balance of about 50,000,000 bushels exported through grain exchange channels, or about 25 per cent.

We have many experienced importers and agents working exclusively for us in Europe. We have three representatives in London, Liverpool 2, Holland 1, Manchester 1, Glasgow 1, Dublin 1, Belfast 1, Hamburg 1, Berlin 1, Mannheim 1, Antwerp 1, Dusseldorf 1, Copenhagen 2, Rotterdam 1, Helsingfors 2, Oslo 1, Zurich 1, Genoa 1, Lisbon 1, Mexico 1. We have also a representative in Rio de Janeiro.

We have our own office in Paris, as the Pool do a large business there. We practically control the sale of Canadian

A BIG BEAR TRAP—BUT POORLY SET

The Northwest Grain Dealers' Association



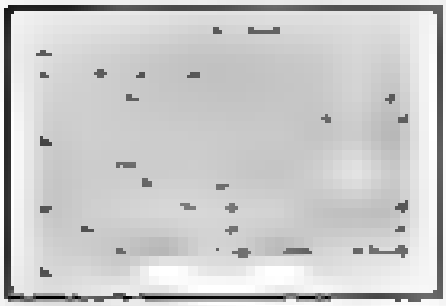
The above is a reproduction of one of the circulars with which the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association is flooding Western Canada in an effort to destroy the Wheat Pools.

The written remarks on either side were made by a Saskatchewan farmer. The grain company through which this farmer shipped his wheat to the Pool attached the Grain Trade circular to the settlement. Rather a cute way of spreading propaganda!

But this farmer was no man's fool. His recollections dated back beyond the days before the Wheat Pools were ever thought of. He states that he remembers when he hauled wheat 35 miles and sold it on the "open market" for 45c a bushel.

Regarding the Grain Trade claims of the "average closing price on the Winnipeg Exchange being $1.51 Fort William", read D. L. Smith's address reprinted in this issue. Read it slowly and carefully. Copies of this address may be obtained in pamphlet form on application to the Alberta Wheat Pool, Lougheed Bldg., Calgary.

Commercial Travellers and the Wheat Pool



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NEWS FROM HEAD OFFICE OF THE ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

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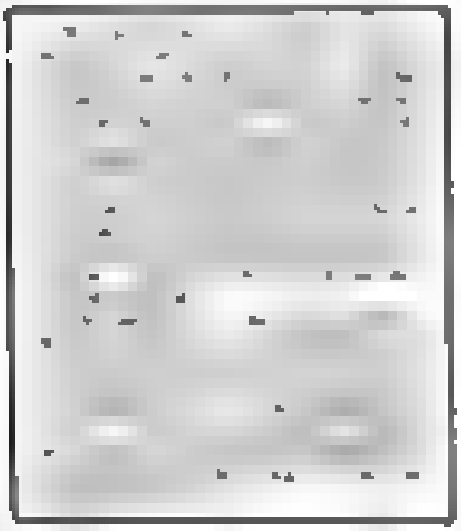

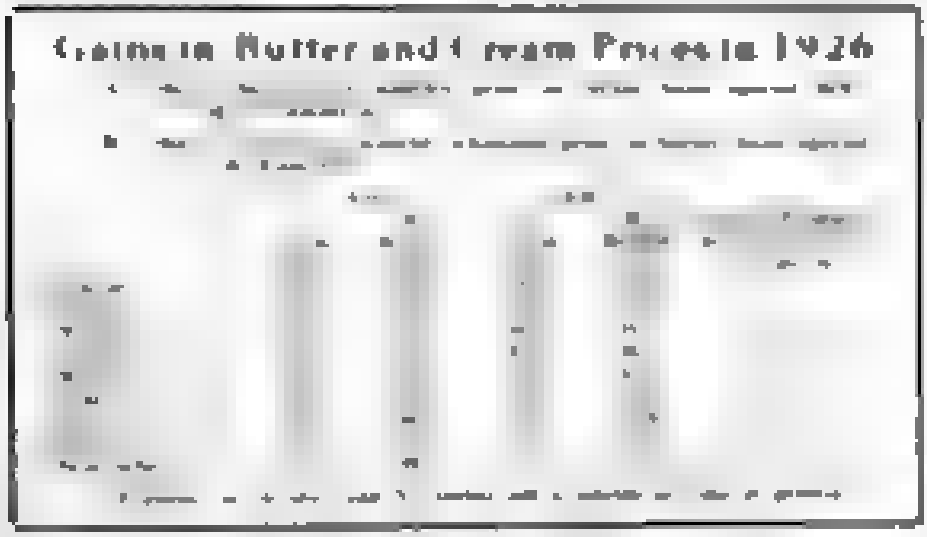

Even if you are not a delegate, it will be worth your while to attend the Annual Convention this year.

Yours truly,
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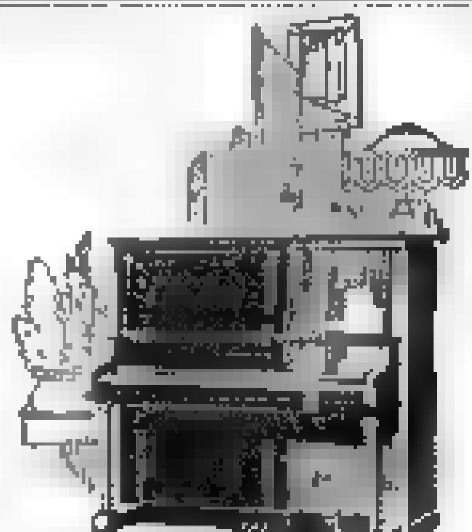

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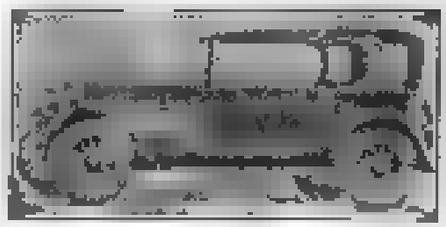

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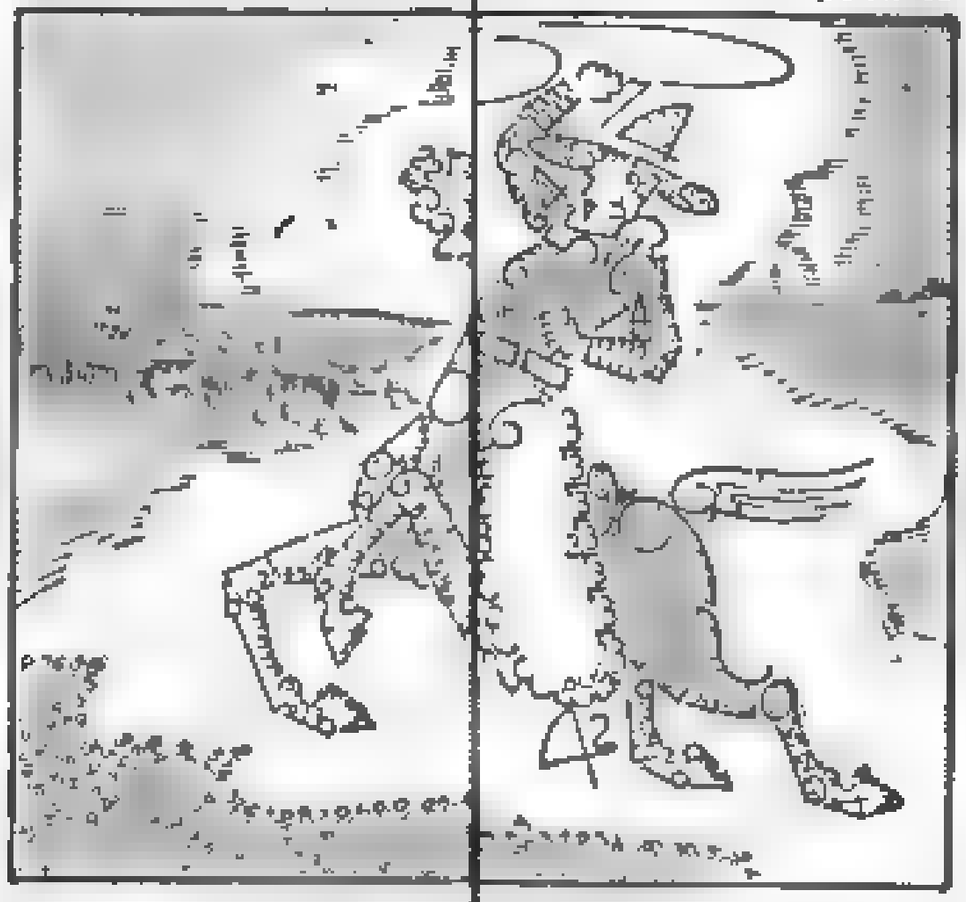

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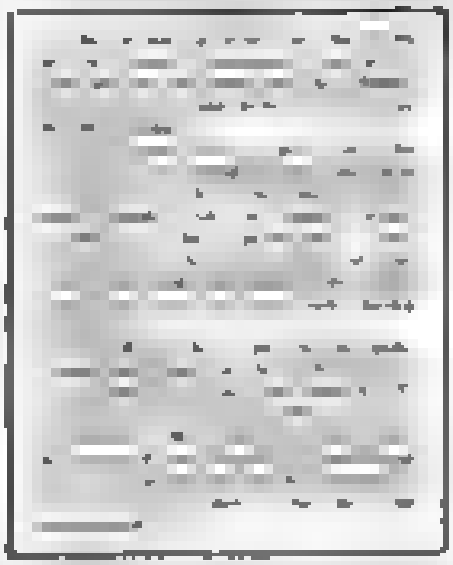

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Winner of Championships Receives Congratulations From Department of Agriculture and Out of Alberta Winners

Special honors have been given to Herman Trelle, winner of the championships in both wheat and oats at the Chicago International Show this year.

The Alberta Department of Agriculture had a [illegible] of an honorarium of $100 [illegible] in both wheat and oats at the Chicago International. J. T. Hill of Lethbridge, winner of the Department honorarium of $100 for the grain at Chicago in field peas. There is no championship in field peas.

A complimentary luncheon was tendered Mr. Trelle on his return home [illegible] by the Edmonton Board of Trade. At this representatives of the Edmonton Herald, [illegible] and the [illegible] of a number of congratulatory [illegible] the Herald.

WINNERS IN SEED GRAIN

The complete list of Alberta winners in seed grain at Chicago is as follows:

Hard red spring wheat [illegible] and championship, Herman Trelle, Wetaskiwin; [illegible] Richard Hazell, Marion; 4th A. Loughead, Bowden; 5th T. B. Tufts, St. Albert.

Two-rowed barley, 6th E. B. Tudor, Bard Valley.

Flax, [illegible] A. Loughead, Bowden; 12th Moore, Ranger.

Timothy, [illegible] John Cochrane, Grande Prairie; [illegible] A. Loughead, Bowden.

Field peas, [illegible] J. T. Hill, Lethbridge; [illegible] Strayer, Ferrybank; 4th Mrs. M. Graham, Riverton.

The official weight of the wheat on which Mr. Trelle won the world's championship was 61.5 lbs. per bushel by American standard and the weight of the oats was 47.8 lbs. per bushel.

ALBERTA POULTRY TO THE FRONT

Alberta poultry came well to the front at the poultry show at Toronto where a exhibition from Alberta which [illegible] than 100 birds, captured a total of 58 prizes.

At the World's Poultry Congress to be held in Ottawa next July this Province will be well represented with some 150 birds to be exhibited. It is anticipated by Hon. Geo. Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, that by Spring will be the transportation of the birds which will be entered by the Alberta exhibit, but to go in the congress exhibition.

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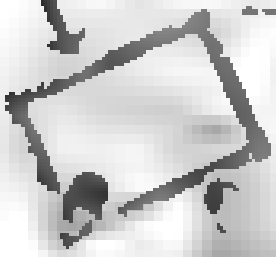

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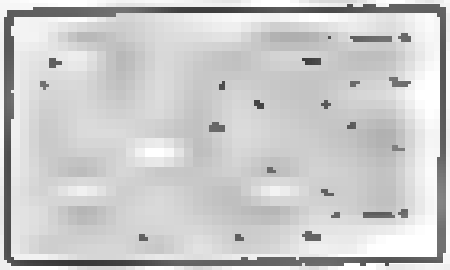

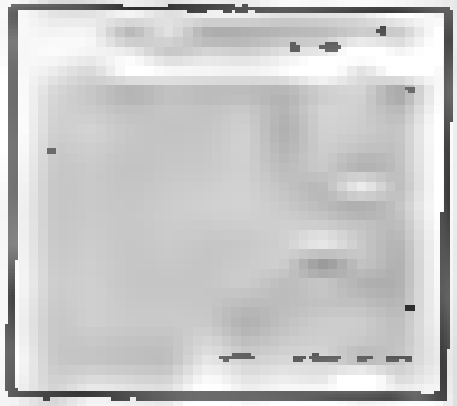

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

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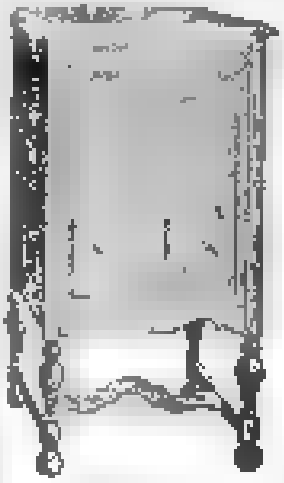

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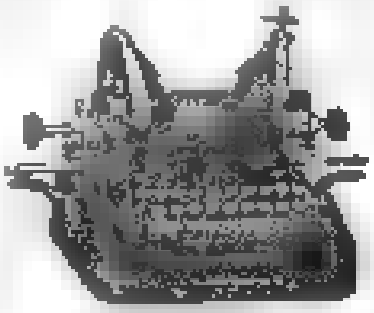

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exploiters have no economic or political interest in common. There can be no harmony nor general well-being as long as conflict and economic inequality are lacking among [illegible] [illegible] banking [illegible] and [illegible] being essential to the [illegible] welfare and a truly [illegible].

To overcome these conditions the agricultural producers must organize [illegible] [illegible] associations, and through educational [illegible] [illegible] the control of the [illegible] [illegible] through which [illegible] products are handled [illegible] and marketed.

To accomplish [illegible] the agricultural [illegible] [illegible] industrial [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] commercial and [illegible] undertakings.

[illegible] organized industrially [illegible] producers forming [illegible] and through political [illegible] [illegible] producers [illegible] and equal opportunities for all.

[illegible] under the following resolution. [illegible]

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP TICKET

Resolved that we adopt the system of a family membership ticket for U. F. A. dues of $5.00. [illegible] D. A.

REPORTS ON CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

Resolved that "The U. F. A." [illegible] [illegible] report of resolutions put before the Annual Convention, showing what has been done with each one and the report be sent back to the locals with [illegible] resolutions for the Annual Convention for the consideration of the Locals before each succeeding Convention. [illegible] D. A.

CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

Whereas the time of the Annual Convention does not always allow for the consideration of all resolutions appearing on the printed program;

Be it resolved that resolutions will [illegible] the [illegible] not considered until all [illegible] been dealt with. [illegible] U. F. A.

PRINTING LITERATURE IN UKRAINIAN

Whereas many members of the U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. are [illegible] who are unable to understand English.

Therefore be it resolved that the Central Office be required to have U. F. A. [illegible] propaganda and other U. F. A. educational and instructive literature printed in the "Farmers [illegible]" of Winnipeg [illegible] and [illegible] among the Ukrainians. [illegible] Federal Assn.

SELF-REGISTERING SCALES AT ELEVATORS

Resolved, that we demand that all grain elevators be equipped with automatic self-registering scales and that our Federal members be asked to take this question up with the proper authorities at Ottawa.—Craigmyle D. A.

SAMPLE WHEAT GRADED AND CERTIFICATE FOR SHIPPER

Resolved, that a copy of the wheat grading certificate should be forwarded to the shipper, also sample of wheat graded, direct from Inspection Department.—Craigmyle D. A.

LOCAL OPTION AREAS

Resolved, that the Local Option area in Alberta be enlarged.—Alexandra Provincial C. A.

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS HANDLING TRUST FUNDS

Whereas, barristers and solicitors are from time to time called upon to administer estates and make collection of monies which are held in trust for indefinite periods, and,

Whereas, it is a frequent occurrence that the trust funds are not available to the parties they are held in trust for;

Therefore be it resolved, that every legal practitioner who is to handle trust funds be required to take out a bond for a substantial amount with a trust or guarantee company.—Craigmyle D. A.

PERSONAL COVENANT

Resolved, that this Convention go on record as being opposed to the resumption of the personal covenant in mortgage legislation.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

BOUNTY ON CROWS

Resolved, that this Convention go on record as favoring an act by the Government to pay a bounty on crows.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

C. N. R. CALGARY TO EDMONTON

Whereas, our Provincial Government chartered, bonded and borrowed funds for the construction of the Canadian Northern branch line from Calgary to Edmonton, and,

Whereas, the Federal Government in taking over the Canadian National system assumed these obligations;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask our Provincial Government to urge the Federal Government for an early completion of the same.—Didsbury U. F. A. and U.F.W.A. D. A.

LEGISLATION TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO ROADS

Whereas, the use of spade lugs and angle iron lugs on tractors is very damaging to roads, especially when the tractors are used for heavy commercial hauling;

Be it resolved, that legislation be introduced by the Provincial Government to prevent roads being so damaged.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

AMENDMENT LAND TITLES ACT

Resolved, that the Provincial Government be requested to so amend the Land Titles Act to make it compulsory for the creditor to describe the property against which the caveat is being filed, and;

Further, that notice of such caveat be sent to owners of property.—Athabasca Federal C. A.

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Yours fraternally,
F. BATEMAN,
Acting Secretary.

LATE CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

As we go to press the resolutions outlined below have been received for consideration at the Annual Convention. They were too late to be sent out with the printed resolutions to Locals, and we therefore direct particular attention to them, and suggest that they be considered by all Locals wherever possible, in preparation for the Convention. The summary follows:

From Okotoks Provincial C. A.—That legislation be introduced making it compulsory for threshers to use only light bottomed racks, and for teams drawing them to be muzzled; that telephone rates be reduced 25 per cent., and trunk calls correspondingly increased.

Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.—That none but British subjects hold office in the U. F. A., except those who have not been in the country long enough to take out naturalization papers; that the Wheat Pool appoint field men to cover the Province during the marketing period to check up grievances; that re-valuation of soldier settlers' lands be opposed, and a straight reduction in the amount of the debt be made, so as to be fair to all, including the soldiers who have done most to improve their farms; that the use of ready-reckoners in figuring cheques for cream and grain be abolished, or else that all ready-reckoners be carried to two or more places of decimals; that no Oriental shall hold title to land, or lease land for more than one year, nor hold shares in any company which owns Canadian land.

Medicine Valley D. A.—That our representation system be amended to throw the whole of the Province open to the voters' choice, and that constituency for nominating and polling purposes be arranged as nearly as possible on an occupational basis, and that the proportional vote be adopted.

Red Deer Provincial C. A.—That officers of the U. F. A. be directed to get in close contact with the workers of the Province, with a view to forming a labor and workers' alliance.

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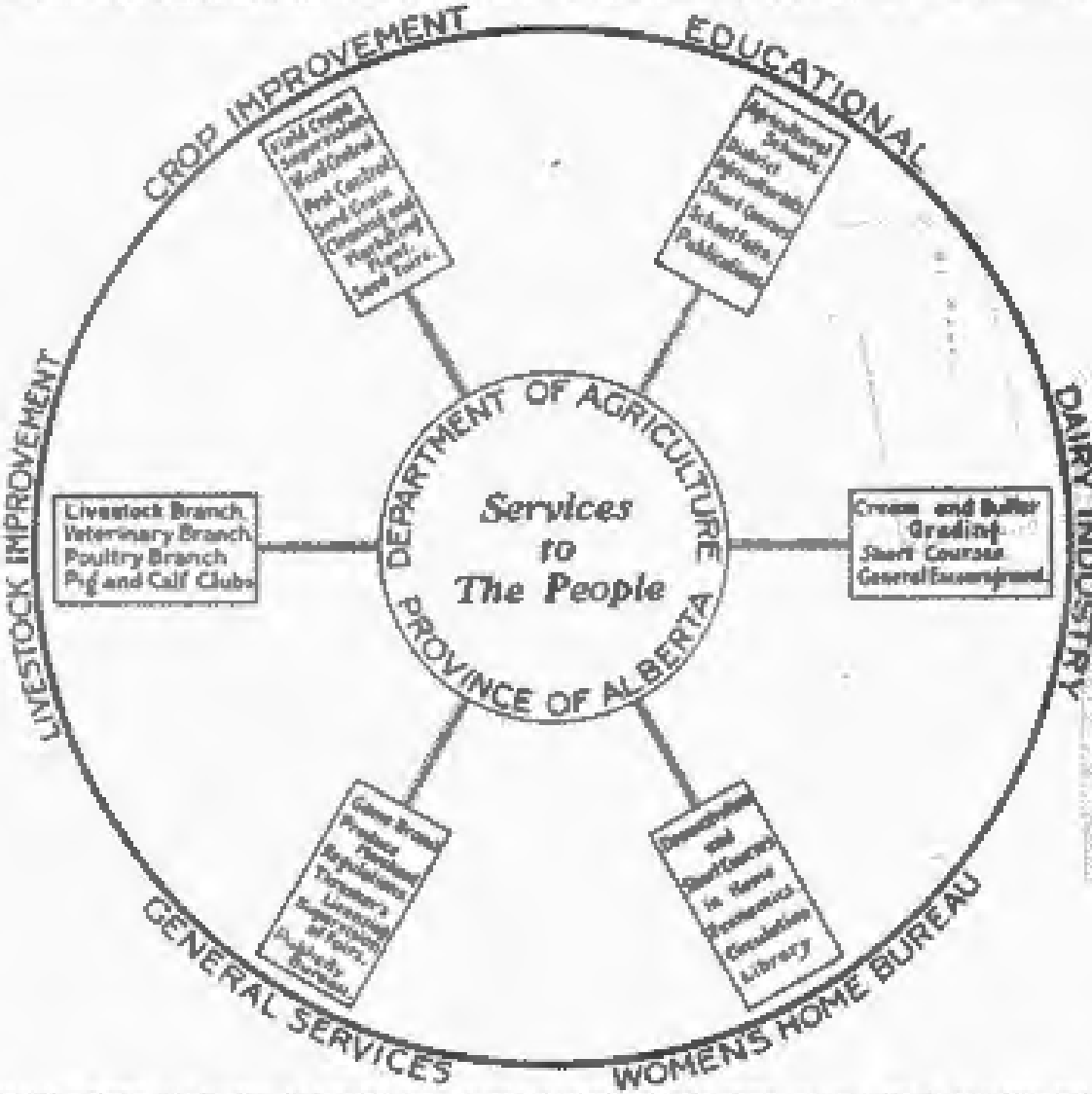
SERVES THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE

The Department of Agriculture of the Provincial Government is so constituted and conducted as to extend the helping hand rather than the restraining hand to the rural population of the Province. Its chief aim is the improvement of the agricultural industry, and the conditions under which the farm people live. Thus the services given to the people by the Department cover a wide field. As will be seen by the accompanying chart, the activities of the Department may be grouped under six definite headings.



EDUCATIONAL.—Under this heading is included the agricultural schools, of which there are now four in operation, training more than 60 young people from the farms, in five courses in agriculture and home economics. Then there are the district agriculturists, of which there are now five in the Province. These men keep in intimate touch with the farmers of their districts, and aid them in solving their problems and in improving the methods of farming. As supplementary to their work, short courses are held from time to time, these generally taking the form of fodder trains, seed farming trains, and such like. The school fairs bring the children of the schools into active touch with agricultural problems. The publications issued by the department from time to time give practical knowledge of various phases of farming. There is also the motion picture bureau which provides educational films on agricultural topics.

CROP IMPROVEMENT.—Under the heading of "Crop Improvement" there is the field crops branch which has general supervision over field crops, holds seed fairs, operates the co-operative seed grain cleaning and marketing plant at Edmonton, for the encouragement of the production of pure seed grain, and also administers the Weed Control Act, under which excellent work has been done during the past few years. Under crop improvement may also be listed the pest control work, by which the department has saved millions of dollars' worth of crop during the past five years from the ravages of the grasshopper, cutworm, and other pests. At present the department is actively engaged in a campaign against the wheat stem saw-fly.

LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT.—The department operates an active livestock branch for the encouragement of the livestock industry. This branch also carries on stock inspection and brand recording. The veterinary branch provides a service of inestimable value in preserving the health of animals. The poultry branch carries on active educational work in the poultry industry, and conducts a poultry plant for the improvement of stock. The pig and calf clubs are an active factor in the encouragement of the production of a high class of livestock.

DAIRY INDUSTRY.—The dairy branch of the department lends vigorous encouragement to the dairy industry and has been largely responsible for the immense advance made in this industry in the Province. Cream and butter grading services are provided, and short courses are held.

WOMEN'S HOME BUREAU.—This most important branch of the department directs its efforts towards the improvement of home conditions among the people, and carries on demonstrations in all branches of home economics. A circulating library for women's organizations is operated in connection with the branch.

GENERAL SERVICES.—Many general services are provided by the department, including the game branch, which supervises game regulation, and holds co-operative fur sales for trappers. The produce Merchants' Act is administered by the department, protecting producers in this respect. The threshers Lien Act is also a part of the departmental activities. The supervision of fairs by the department has tended to improve the standard of fairs held. The publicity bureau acts as a central information bureau and collects crop and other statistics.

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